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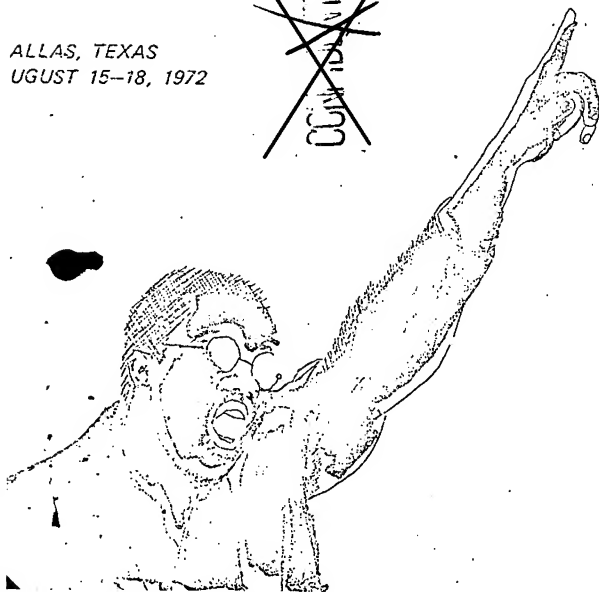
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15th ANNUAL CONVENTION

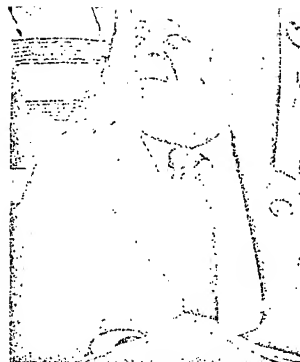
Theme: "Politics '72:
The Challenge of Poor People"

ALLAS, TEXAS
UGUST 15-18, 1972



Greetings

by Ralph David Abernathy, President



We have come to Dallas for the 15th Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference — one of the most important assemblies in our history.

We meet with a theme, "POLITICS 72: The Challenge of Poor People." Let us meet also with a noble purpose — to provide leadership for poor people and for the nation so that we can save this country and build a decent and just society.

The United States of America will be 200 years old in 1976. If poor people have any hope of joining in a celebration four years from now, we must take action in 1972 to provide a government which represents and serves the people instead of oppressing us.

The State of Texas itself reflects the problems we confront all over the nation: vast wealth alongside crushing poverty, the privilege of oil in stark contrast to the abuse of poor people, rich old men attempting to control the destiny of black, chicano and young people. We must put an end to these contradictions and it is the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which must show the way.

To do this, we must knock on doors, register voters, educate the citizens on the issues, and **GET OUT THE VOTE** in the eleven Southern states. We must organize in the same way in the twenty-four major cities where we have chapters and where the vote will be critical in choosing the next national administration. This work must begin the day after our convention and must continue intensively through election day, November 7, 1972.

Let us have a great convention, and then go forward with the challenge of poor people — a movement to make America what she must be.

Wednesday, August 16th

00 A.M.

Breakfast

Opening Session

St. John Baptist Church

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Presiding: Rev. M. L. Wilson, Board Member

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

1:30 A.M.

Devotions - Dr. Roland Smith, Board Member

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

2:00 A.M.

Keynote Address - Dr. J. E. Lowery, Chairman of the Board

JAMES EXUMERY, ATLANTA, GA

Business Session

Acknowledgements

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

FALLAHASCC, F.A.

Greetings:

Rev. C. K. Steele, First Vice President

Mr. Zan Holmes, Convention Co-Chairman

Dr. H. Leroy Brininger

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
National Council of Churches

Introduction: Dr. Benjamin Hooks, Member, F.C.C.

President's Address - Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

Lunch.

CALVIN S. MORRIS, MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Presiding - Rev. Calvin Morris, Director of Affiliates & Chapters

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Invocation - Rev. Edward Gardner, SCLC Board Member

1:30 P.M.

Workshop: "The Challenge of Poor People" Part I

Jean Westwood, Chairman of Democratic Party

Walter Reuther, Congressman, District of Columbia

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION C. T. Wynn, Executive Director, Chicago SCLC

Ivanhoe Donaldson, Institute of Policy Study

J. H. C. Dell

Jack C. Dell, Director New York SCLC

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Associate Editor "Freedomways"

3:30 P.M.

Workshop: "The Challenge of Poor People" Part II

Andrew Young, Executive Vice President, SCLC

Clinton R. Rouseaux, Director of the Youth Council

National Democratic Party

Tom Gilmore, Sheriff, Greene County, Alabama

Ruben Berrios, Chairman, Independent Party

of Puerto Rico

5:30 P.M.

Dinner

ANNUAL BANQUET

Sheraton - Dallas Hotel

7:30 P.M.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Co-Toastmasters, Dr. C. O. Simpkins, Rev. Oscar McCloud

Board Members

Introduction of Angela Davis - Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

Speaker - Angela Davis

Entertainment

Greetings - Rev. Marshall Shepherd, Board Member

Awards

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Rosa Parks Award

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

Thursday, August 17th

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

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Morning Session
St. John Baptist Church

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Presiding - Dr. Lawrence Reddick, Historian

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3:30 A.M. Devotions - Rev. Stroy Freeman, Board Member

Choir

Acknowledgements

Business Session - Dr. J. E. Lowery, Presiding

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11:00 A.M. Workshop: "Economics of Poor People"

Carl Farris, Director, SCLC Dept. of Labor

Robert Rhodes, Professor, Antioch College

Washington, D.C.

William Anderson, Jr., Board Member

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Randolph T. Blackwell, Director

Southern Rural Action Project

12:30 P.M. Lunch

Afternoon Session

St. John Baptist Church

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Presiding - Rev. Bernard Lafayette, Director of Minority Affairs

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5:00 P.M. Invocation - Rev. A. A. Peters, Board Member

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Workshop: "Education and Poor People"

Dorothy Cotton, Director of SCLC Education Dept.

Sam Chifridge, National Education Association

Tom Porter, Program Dir., Martin Luther King, Jr. Center

3:00 P.M.

Workshop: "Poor People - The Third World Movement"

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Will Campbell

Ramsey Venable, Candidate for Governor of Texas

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Ann Holloway, SCLC Washington Bureau

Bill Chandler, U.F.W.U.

Pablo Monroy, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Center, Mexico City

5:30 P.M. Dinner

Annual Convention Assembly

Band Shell (City Park)

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Presiding - Rev. John Thurston, Board Member

Speakers:

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

Senator Barbara Jordan, Texas

Affiliate - of - the - Year Award

Music

Special Award

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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD

169: ~~Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President SCLC~~

170: ~~Dom Helder Camara, Bishop
Olinda and Recife, Brazil~~

THE ROSA PARKS FREEDOM AWARD

162: ~~Dr. W. G. Anderson, President, Albany Movement, Albany, Ga.~~

164: ~~Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, President, Alabama Christian
Movement for Human Rights, Birmingham, Ala.~~

164: ~~Dr. Aaron Henry, Clarkdale, Miss.~~

165: ~~Rev. James Bevel and Mrs. James (Diane) Bevel, SCLC~~

166: ~~Mr. Al Raby, Coordinating Council of Community
Organizations, Chicago, Ill.~~

167: ~~U.S. Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Detroit, Mich.~~

168: ~~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Founding President, SCLC
Awarded posthumously to Mrs. Coretta Scott King and children~~

169: ~~State Representative Robert Clark, Holmes County, Miss.~~

170: ~~Mr. Dick Gregory~~

171: ~~Mr. Ben Owens, SCLC~~

SCLC AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

1962: Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Ala.

1963: Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights,
Birmingham, Alabama

1964: Chatham County Crusade for Voters, Savannah, Georgia

1965: Dallas County Voters League, Selma, Ala.

1966: Wilcox County (Alabama) SCLC

1967: Grenada County (Mississippi) Freedom Movement

1968: Community Organization for Progress and Education,
Social Circle (Walton County), Georgia

1969: Greene County (Alabama) Improvement Association;
Citizens Committee Credit Union, Charleston, S.C.

1970: Washington County (Georgia) Black Youth Club

1971: Greater New York SCLC Operation Breadbasket

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SLC CONVENTIONS AND THEMES

1957	Montgomery, Ala.	"To Redeem the Soul of America"
1958	Clarksdale, Miss.	"Stride Toward Freedom"
1958	Norfolk, Va.	"The Crusade for Citizenship"
1959	Columbia, S.C.	"Social Change Through Nonviolent Direct Action"
1960	Shreveport, La.	"The Southern Struggle and the American Dilemma"
1961	Nashville, Tenn.	"The Deep South in Social Revolution"
1962	Birmingham, Ala.	"The Diversified Attack on Segregation"
1963	Richmond, Va.	"Freedom Now"
1964	Savannah, Ga.	"New Directions in the Quest for Freedom"
1965	Birmingham, Ala.	"Human Rights—Basic Issues— The Grand Alliance"
1966	Jackson, Miss.	"Human Rights: The Continuing Struggle"
1967	Atlanta, Ga.	"Where Do We Go From Here?"
1968	Memphis, Tenn.	"New Life For Poor People"
1969	Charleston, S.C.	"America's Dilemma: Billions for the Moon, Pennies for the Poor"
1970	Atlanta, Ga.	"We the People... for People's Government"
1971	New Orleans, La.	"The Politics of Poor People" —A Movement to End Repression—